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11.1 INTRODUCTION

Three-dimensional impressions are those impressions with the dimension of length, width, and depth.

11.2 PREPARATIONS

No specific preparations required.

11.3 INSTRUMENTATION

Light source Photography/Imaging Equipment

11.4 MINIMUM STANDS AND CONTROLS

As stated for the particular process or equipment used.

11.5 PROCEDURE OR ANALYSIS

The procedure for examining three-dimensional impressions already preserved at the crime scene usually involves photography and castings. Impressions that have been photographed are printed 1:1, if possible, and casts are photographed after cleaning, in the laboratory and are printed 1:1 for examination and file documentation.

11.6 INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

Provided the submitted impressions are of value and a known shoe/tire, etc. has been submitted, a direct or side-by-side comparison is made between the questioned and known impression. If a known shoe/tire, etc. is not submitted, any information available in the questioned impression becomes part of the report for investigative leads. This may involve searching SICAR/SOLEMATE, Tread Design Guide, other reference sources, including shoe/tire stores.

11.7 REFERENCES

- 1. Footwear Impression Evidence, Bodziak, 1990, pp 59-96
- 2. Tire Imprint Evidence, McDonald, 1989, 47-64

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